

Application No.: 10/673,619
Response to Office Action of August 11, 2004
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Amendment to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings includes newly added FIG. 5 and FIG. 6. Further details of the drive system as previously set forth and claimed are depicted.

Attachment: New sheet identified as "ADDITIONAL DRAWING".

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2004. In the subject Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-5, 10, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,168,481 to Mardikian in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,361,387 to Clarkson. Additionally, the Examiner rejected Claims 6-9, 11-16, 18, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable of Mardikian in view of Clarkson as applied to Claims 1-5, 10, and 20 as above, and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,813,887 to Mark. Furthermore, the Examiner objected to Claims 17, 19, and 21 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Finally, the Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) for failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims.

1. Amendment to the Specification

As currently amended, paragraph [0024] describes in further detail the chain and sprocket drive systems as well as the belt and pulley drive systems as shown in the new figures FIG. 5 and FIG. 6. The brief description of the drawings has also been amended to reflect these additions. These amendments are intended to conform the specification to the newly added drawings.

2. Amendment to the Claims

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of the subject matter set forth in Claims 17, 19, and 21. As a preliminary matter, Applicant notes that Claim 17 depends from independent base Claim 6, Claim 19 depends from independent base Claim 10, and Claim 21 depends from independent base Claim 11.

By the present amendment, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-16, 18, 20, and 22. Additionally, Applicant has rewritten Claim 17 in independent form, incorporating all of the features of Claim 6. Applicant has also rewritten Claim 19 in independent form, incorporating all of the features of Claim 10. Furthermore, Applicant has rewritten Claim 21 in independent form while incorporating all of the features of Claim 11. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 17, 19, and 21 are now in condition for allowance, and requests that objections of those claims be withdrawn.

3. Amendment to the Drawings

By the present amendment, Applicant has added new figures FIG. 5 and FIG. 6. FIG. 5 illustrates the details of the pulley and belt features, while FIG. 6 illustrates the details of the sprocket and chain features. Applicant respectfully submits that such concepts were introduced in paragraph [0024] of the original specification, and accordingly does not constitute new matter. Since these features are now illustrated, Applicant submits that there is no longer a basis for an objection under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a), and requests that the Examiner withdraw the same.

4. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that each and every pending claim of the present invention meets the requirements for patentability and respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate allowance of each and every pending claim of the present invention. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account Number 19-4330.

Respectfully submitted,

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